

Thank you to all of you who have returned your pledge cards and forms regarding your willingness to "Serve the Church." **For those of you who have not yet completed those forms**, there is still time to do it. Please complete the pledge card and form, and place it in the collection plate (extras are on the long table in the narthex). The Board of Stewards appreciates your willingness to "Serve the Church" and for making your commitment to pledge to the church. May God bless all of you!

### **Credit Your 2010 Account**

To have any giving credited to your 2010 offerings and thus applied to your 2010 tax return, monies must be received by December 31, 2010. Your support of our great church is deeply appreciated.

### **2011 Offering Envelopes**

The new offering envelopes for 2011 have not arrived yet. They will be in very soon. If they are not in by next Sunday, please use the offering envelopes that are available in the pew pockets.

### **UCB Christmas Tree Takes First Place at Byron Museum!**

Not only did our Christmas Tree win First Place in the non-traditional category of the Festival of Trees at the Byron Museum, but we also won first place for "all-around favorite" on their Facebook page online voting. Many thanks to Claire Babbitt whose antique postcards were used on the tree, to Brenda Koeller who donated the tree and also to the rest of the Outreach Committee who helped in putting it up and decorating it. The award for first place was a check for \$25 and will go towards Outreach programs. If you didn't get a chance to see our beautiful tree at the museum, there is a picture of it on the bulletin board in the office entryway.

### **Interested in Membership?**

Pastor Mike will be holding a new member class on **Saturday, January 29 (please note the change in date previously published)** from 9am-12pm. Call 234-8777 and let us know if you have any questions or would be interested in attending. We invite all of those interested in becoming a new member at the United Church of Byron to attend this orientation toward a new membership service in February or March.

This class will be a chance for good information and an exchange about what brings you to this place and how you can navigate our local church and denomination to serve and be served. Your presence and ministry makes us stronger!

### **Wednesday Night Meals for the Homebound**

Volunteers are always needed to help make part of the meal (main course, vegetable, salad or dessert) and/or deliver the meal. The sign up sheet is always on the long (prayer concern) table in the lobby. Your help is always appreciated!

### **People Helping People Item for January ~ Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce**

Just a reminder for Committee Chairpersons that reports for the Annual Meeting will be due at the end of January. Please bring them to the office or email them ([ucb1@frontier.com](mailto:ucb1@frontier.com)). Thank you.

### **Sign Up for Defibrillator & CPR Class**

We will soon be setting the date for the class to learn how to use the new Defibrillator we received from the fire department. We have had several people sign up so far. If you'd like to take part, please sign up on the sheet on the long table in the narthex soon. The firemen will also teach CPR since this would be done before the defibrillator is used. Your help is needed, so please consider volunteering to make this great life-saving service available in the event it is ever needed.

If you should have an emergency and need pastoral care while Pastor Mike is with the youth group on their Mission Trip to Chiapas, please call the church office (815-234-8777).

### **Calendar**

Today NO Sunday School

10:30 am Commissioning of Youth going on Chiapas  
Mission trip

Wednesday 4:30 pm Outreach Meal

Thursday NO Choir practice

Friday Office Closed

Saturday Happy New Year!

Sunday Deacons leading Worship;

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